

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department - Allegations on irregularities in Misappropriation and substandard execution of road work "Providing B.T. road from Old NH 5 to Jayaramachandrapuram from General Funds of Palasa - Kasibugga Municipality against Sri B.R.S.Seshadri, the then Municipal Commissioner, Palasa - Kasibugga Municipality and Sri R.Gopala Krishna Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer (PH), Visakhapatnam - Departmental Proceedings initiated against them under Rule-20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Inquiry conducted - Charges held 'not proved' - Disagreement factors along with Inquiry report communicated - Written explanation submitted - Further action dropped - Orders - Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.512

Dated.16.08.2023

Read the following:

1. From the D.G., G.A. (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.21 (C.No.895/V&E/E/2015), dated.31.03.2016.
2. G.O.Rt.No.859, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.10.09.2018.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.860 to 861, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.10.09.2018.
4. Written Statement of Defences of Sri R.Gopala Krishna Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer (PH), Visakhapatnam and Sri B.R.S.Seshadri, the then Municipal Commissioner, Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality.
5. G.O.Rt.No.393, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.04.09.2020.
6. G.O.Rt.No.394, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.04.09.2020.
7. Enquiry Report from Sri M.Venkateswara Rao, Chief Engineer & Enquiry Officer, Quality Control, APTIDCO., Visakhapatnam, Lr.No.CE-APTIDCO/Enq/2022-4, dated.11.07.2022.
8. Govt.Memo.No.240671/Vig.I/2016, dated.18.11.2022.
9. Written representations from Sri R.Gopala Krishna Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer (PH), Visakhapatnam and Sri B.R.S.Seshadri, the then Municipal Commissioner.

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ORDER:

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department that the V & E officials conducted enquiry on the road work "Providing B.T. road from Old NH 5 to Jayaramachandrapuram from General Funds of Palasa - Kasibugga Municipality and observed certain irregularities, misappropriation and substandard execution of work and recommended to initiate departmental action against (1) Sri B.R.S.Seshadri, the then Municipal Commissioner; (2) Sri R.Gopala Krishna Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer (PH), Visakhapatnam; (3) Sri S.Chiranjeevulu, the then Deputy Executive Engineer and (4) Sri K.V.Satyanarayana, the then Municipal Assistant Engineer, Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality.

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2. In the reference 2nd read above, Government initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri B.R.S.Seshadri, the then Municipal Commissioner and (3) others of Palasa – Kasibugga Municipality under Rule-24 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991. In the reference 3rd read above, articles of charges were framed against (1) Sri B.R.S.Seshadri, the then Municipal Commissioner and (2) Sri R.Gopala Krishna Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer (PH), Visakhapatnam, under Rule-20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, duly directing them to submit their written statement of defence thereon.

3. Having not convinced with the explanations submitted by the charged officers in the reference 4th read above, Government appointed Sri M.Venkateswara Rao, the then Chief Engineer, GVMC, Visakhapatnam, as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against (1) Sri B.R.S.Seshadri, the then Municipal Commissioner, Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality and (2) Sri R.Gopala Krishna Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer (PH), Visakhapatnam vide reference 5th read above. In the reference 6th read above, Sri K.Samson Raju, the then Superintending Engineer, GVMC., was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority.

4. In the reference 7th read above, Sri M.Venkateswara Rao, the then Chief Engineer, GVMC, Visakhapatnam submitted Inquiry report concluding that, the charges framed against (1) Sri B.R.S.Seshadri, the then Municipal Commissioner, Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality and (2) Sri R.Gopala Krishna Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer (PH), Visakhapatnam were held 'not proved' in the Inquiry.

5. Government have examined the Inquiry report and communicated a copy of Inquiry report along with the disagreement factors to (1) Sri B.R.S.Seshadri, the then Municipal Commissioner, Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality and (2) Sri R.Gopala Krishna Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer (PH), Visakhapatnam under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 and directed to submit their written representations, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry officer, vide reference 8th read above.

6. In the reference 9th read above, (1) Sri B.R.S.Seshadri, the then Municipal Commissioner, Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality and (2) Sri R.Gopala Krishna Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer (PH), Visakhapatnam submitted their written representations duly accepting the findings of Inquiry Officer and denying the disagreement factors have requested to drop further action against them.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter; keeping in view of the findings of the Inquiry report, written representation of the charged officers and after following due procedure, it has been decided to drop further action against (1) Sri B.R.S.Seshadri, the then Municipal Commissioner, Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality and (2) Sri R.Gopala Krishna Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer (PH), Visakhapatnam, as they were not involved with the execution of work mentioned in the charge and the charges are held not proved in the Inquiry.

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8. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against (1) Sri B.R.S.Seshadri, the then Municipal Commissioner, Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality and (2) Sri R.Gopala Krishna Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer (PH), Visakhapatnam.

9. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Corporation., A.P., Guntur and Engineer -In -Chief (Public Health)., A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

10. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**Y. SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Sri B.R.S.Seshadri, the then Municipal Commissioner,
Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality - **through** the C&DMA., A.P., Guntur.
Sri R.Gopala Krishna Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer (PH),
Visakhapatnam - **through** the ENC(PH)., A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Corporation., A.P., Guntur.
The Engineer -In -Chief (Public Health)., A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The General Administration (V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P.Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The OSD to Minister (MA & UD).
The PS to Special CS., MA & UD Department.
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SECTION OFFICER.